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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

October 6th, 7th and 8th, 1885.

OFFICERS:

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be called the Central Baptist Association of California.

ART. II. Each Church entitled to send delegates to this Association shall be allowed three delegates for each organization, and one additional delegate for each 50 members up to the number of 300, which shall be the limit.

ART. III. The objects of the Association shall be the collection of statistical and other information from the churches, the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and fraternal union, and the free interchange of views upon subjects pertaining to individual godliness, the spiritual prosperity of the churches, and the enlargement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

ART. IV. The Association shall meet annually on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, at such place as it may appoint. The services shall be commenced with public worship, after which a collection shall be taken for any object the Association may direct.

ART. V. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot, unless otherwise ordered, and shall continue in office until the election of their successors.

The Moderator shall preside in all the meetings, nominate all committees, and take the direction of all the religious services.

The Clerk shall record all the transactions, and superintend the publication and distribution of the minutes.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys and other property contributed for any of the purposes of the Association, and dispose of the same according to the will of the donors or the votes of the Association, and his accounts shall be properly vouched for by an Auditor.

ART. VI. Each church connected with the Association shall send annually a letter containing an account of its history during the year preceding, specifying the number added by baptism, by letter, by experience and by restoration; the number removed by dismissal, by erasure and by death; the whole number then in fellowship, and the amount of money raised for all purposes during the year. If any church shall neglect for three successive years to send such a letter, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Association.

ART. VII. The Association may receive any church which shall apply for admission by sending a letter and delegates, and give satisfactory evidence as to its faith and order.

ART. VIII. This Association shall hold local conferences for the development of the religious life and interests of the churches as it may determine at each annual meeting.

ART. IX. Each church shall send by its delegates money for the publication of the minutes, and shall receive in return its quota of the minutes.

ART. X. The Association shall not, in any case, interfere with the internal concerns of the churches; but it may dissolve its connection with any church which, after proper examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from Baptist faith and practice.

ART. XI. The Association shall, at each annual meeting, appoint two preachers for the next meeting on doctrinal and practical themes.

ART. XII. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided, always, that notice of the change or changes proposed shall have been given at a previous annual meeting and published in the minutes.

Executive Committee of the Central Baptist Association.

REV. WM. M. KINCAID.....	San Francisco.
DEACON E. R. STOCKWELL.....	Stockton.
REV. BUNYAN SPENCER.....	San Francisco.
REV. G. B. REIMAN	Alameda.
REV. A. W. RUNYAN.	San Jose.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Calling Association to order.
2. Appointment of Committees—
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 - b. On the Roll.
 - c. On Nominating Officers.
3. Introductory sermon.
4. Collection as ordered by the Constitution.
5. Report of Committee on the Roll.
6. Report of Committee on Nominations.
7. Election of Officers.
8. Appointment of Committees—
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 - b. On Sunday Schools.
 - c. On Home Missions.
 - d. On Foreign Missions.
 - e. On American Baptist Publication Society.
 - f. On Chinese Missions.
 - g. On Education.
 - h. On Publications.
 - i. On Obituaries.
 - j. On Place and Preachers for Next Year, as called for by Constitution.
 - k. On New Churches.
 - l. On the Sabbath and Temperance.
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HISTORICAL TABLE—ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

(ORGANIZED AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SAN FRANCISCO, MAY 5TH, 1881.)

YEAR.	PLACE.	MODERATOR.	CLERKS.	TREASURER.	SERMONS.	
					INTRODUCTORY.	DOCTRINAL.
1881.....	Stockton.....	W. T. Fleener.....	J. B. Hartwell.....	P. D. Code.....	G. S. Abbott.....	.....
1882.....	Sacramento Calvary....	Wm. M. Kincaid.....	J. B. Hartwell.....	P. D. Code.....	W. T. Fleener.....	A. J. Sturtevant.
1883.....	Ceres.....	Jno. F. Pope.....	J. B. Hartwell.....	P. D. Code.....	C. L. Fisher.....	S. B. Morse.
1884.....	Wheatland.....	G. S. Abbott.....	J. B. Hartwell.....	P. D. Code.....	B. F. Rathray.....	J. B. Hartwell.
1885.....	San Francisco First Ch.	G. A. Hull.....	W. T. Fleener, Asst J. B. Hartwell..... N. E. Beckwith, Asst.	P. D. Code.....	J. W. Henry.....	F. S. Lawrence.

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Central Baptist Association of California.

FIRST DAY.

At the first Baptist Church, San Francisco, Tuesday, October 6th, 1885, at 7.30 p. m., the Association was called to order, in its Fifth Annual Session, by the Moderator, Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D.

Prayer by Rev. Wm. M. Kincaid.

Hymn—"I Will Guide Thee," etc.

The Moderator, after an address of affectionate and cheering salutation, appointed the following committees:

ON ENROLLMENT—Brethren F. S. Lawrence, Bunyan Spencer, W. R. Strong.

ON ARRANGEMENTS—Brethren Wm. M. Kincaid, J. W. Henry and E. R. Stockwell.

ON NOMINATIONS—Brethren S. B. Morse, D. T. Van Doren and G. A. Hull.

In the absence of Rev. Dr. Sawtelle, who was to have preached the Introductory Sermon, his alternate, Rev. J. W. Henry, of Santa Clara, performed this service, taking as his text, after the usual devotional services, conducted by Revs. A. W. Runyan and W. H. Latourette, "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain." Joel, 2: 1.

The sermon discussed the necessity in the ministry and in Christian work, of the four qualities: 1, Energy; 2, Skill; 3, Devotion; 4, Loyalty. The annual collection taken after the sermon, amounted to \$9.50.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

For Moderator, Capt. G. A. Hull.
For Clerk, Rev. J. B. Hartwell.
For Assistant Clerk, N. E. Beckwith, Esq.
For Treasurer, P. D. Code, Esq.
For Auditor, E. R. Stockwell, Esq.

By unanimous vote the chairman of the committee was directed to cast the ballot of the Association for the nominees, who were thus elected.

Capt. G. A. Hull, the Moderator elect, was welcomed to the chair by the retiring Moderator, and delivered an earnest and feeling address.

The Committee on Arrangements, through its Chairman, Rev. Wm. M. Kincaid, made the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee recommend that the Association meet at 9 A. M. to-morrow for devotion, conducted by Rev. A. C. Herrick, of Sacramento. Business meeting at 9.30 A. M. Adjourn at 12 M. Meet at 1 P. M. for devotion, conducted by Rev. W. H. Latourette, of Los Gatos. Business meeting at 1.30 P. M. Adjourn at 4.30 P. M. Meet at 7.30 P. M. to listen to the Doctrinal Sermon by Rev. F. S. Lawrence, of Stockton. The Committee recommend after the appointment of the Committees at the morning business meeting, that the Association listen to the reading of the annual letters from the churches, to be followed by the order of business adopted by the Association at its meeting two years ago, with this addition: that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of California, be allowed a half hour from 3 to 3.30 P. M.

The Association then adjourned till 9.30 A. M. to-morrow.

Doxology, and prayer by Rev. W. H. Latourette.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 7th, 1885.

Devotional exercises were held from 9 o'clock to 9.30, conducted by Rev. A. C. Herrick.

At 9.30 the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. H. C. Bristol.

On motion of Bro. B. C. Wright, Corresponding Messengers from sister Associations and other Baptists present, were invited to seats, with all the privileges of the floor, the right to vote alone excepted.

The Committee on Enrollment reported, and the Roll of Membership as afterwards amended, is as follows.:

Alameda Church—Bro. Rieman, Sisters Bennett, Burt, Bynon, Getty.

Brooklyn Church—Rev. S. B. Morse, F. C. Brougher, R. S. Clason, E. H. Lenox, Joseph Plaw, Arthur Thompson, Miss A. S. Williams.

Ceres Church—Mrs. Uleh.

Los Gatos Church—Rev. W. H. Lautourette, N. E. Beckwith, A. E. Gish.

Modesto Church—Letter. No delegates.

Oakland, First Church—Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., J. P. Cogswell and wife, C. W. Dearborn, H. Garthwaite, J. R. Latimer.

Oakland, San Pablo Avenue Church—Rev. W. T. Fleenor, R. Hewitt, Miss Jennie Stewart, Miss A. Sutherland.

Oakland, Scandinavian—Rev. G. Liljeroth, N. A. Johnson, Mrs. Anna Soderstraud, A. Wernjoist.

Penryn Church—B. Browning and wife.

Sacramento, First Church—Mrs. Fowntain, Mrs. J. S. Painter.

Sacramento, Calvary Church—Rev. A. C. Herrick, Deacon W. R. Strong, Deacon R. H. Withington and wife.

Salinas Church—Rev. E. B. Hatch.

San Francisco Chinese—Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Wong Yu Hau, Lee Kwok Teen.

San Francisco, First Church—Rev. Wm. M. Kincaid, B. Adams, G. A. Hull, N. Heath, J. F. Pope, B. C. Wright, Sisters Watson and Harmon.

San Francisco Fifth Church—Rev. DeW. T. Van Doren, J. C. Robinson, S. C. Brown, P. D. Code, W. Z. King.

San Francisco, Pilgrim Church—Rev. W. H. Pendleton, D. D., Mrs. Geo. E. Davis, Mrs. D. E. Beman, Deacon Crane, A. D. Hatch.

San Francisco, Zion Church—Rev. B. Spencer, David Sawtelle, Dea. John H. Stevens.

San Jose, Emanuel—Rev. A. W. Runyan, Deacon F. E. Caton, Mrs. E. W. Darling, Deacon S. B. Hunkins.

Santa Clara Church—Rev. J. W. Henry and wife, Rev. O. Crittenden and wife.

Santa Cruz Church—Represented by letter, no delegates.

Sonora Church—Rev. G. S. Goodspeed and wife, Deacon C. L. Street and wife, Mrs. Sidney Smith.

Stockton, First Church—Rev. F. S. Lawrence, A. M. Comfort and wife, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Martin, E. R. Stockwell, P. P. Ward.

Stockton Second Church—Letter. No delegates.

Wheatland Church—Rev. P. H. Stevens.

The letters from the churches were then read by Deacon John F. Pope and Rev. Geo. S. Goodspeed. Bro. B. C. Wright reported a summary of statistics he had gathered from the letters as they were read, showing large growth and prosperity, where-

upon prayers of thanksgiving for this prosperity and supplications for continued blessing, were offered by Rev. Dr. Gray and Rev. A. W. Runyan.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

On Foreign Missions—Bros. Bunyan Spencer, T. H. Stephens and C. L. Street.

On Home Missions—Bros. W. M. Kincaid, W. R. Strong, C. N. Whitmore.

On Sunday Schools—Bros. B. Spencer, G. B. Reiman, and J. P. Cogswell.

On State of Religion—Bros. W. H. Latourette, E. R. Stockwell, and B. Browning.

On New Churches—Bros. E. H. Gray, H. L. Geer, S. B. Morse, A. C. Herrick, and P. D. Code.

On American Baptist Publication Society—Bros. D. T. Van Doren, Geo. S. Goodspeed, and J. F. Pope.

On Chinese Missions—Bros. H. Garthwaite, D. Sawtelle, and O. Crittenden.

On Education—Bros. G. S. Abbott, B. C. Wright, and F. C. Brougher.

On Publications—Bros. J. W. Henry, John Stevens, and Jos. Plaw.

On Obituaries—Bros. F. S. Lawrence, J. C. Robinson, and J. F. Pope.

On Sabbath and Temperance—Bros. W. T. Fleenor, J. H. Stevens, and R. H. Withington.

On Place and Preachers for next Session—Bros. E. R. Stockwell, Geo. S. Goodspeed, and C. W. Dearborn.

A request from Madame Dr. Martin to be heard by the Association, was referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

On motion it was ordered that in the Roll of Members to be printed in the minutes, only the names of those delegates who have been present at some meeting of the session shall appear.

On motion, the time till noon was devoted to hearing from messengers from sister Associations. Addresses were made by Rev. J. Herndon Garnett and Rev. J. S. Jesse, of the Pacific Association, and Rev. A. M. Johnson, of the Sacramento River Association. Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., gave some account of the late sessions of the Los Angeles and Tulare Associations.

Pastor Kincaid, of this Church, announced that dinner had been provided in the building, by the ladies of the Church, and invited delegates and visitors to remain to dinner. The Association then adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. J. B. Hartwell.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 1.30. Prayer by Rev. Bunyan Spencer.

The report of the Committee on State of Religion was presented by Rev. W. H. Latourette, and, after addresses by Bros. Latourette, Fleenor, Lawrence, Hartwell and Crittenden, was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on State of Religion in the Churches beg leave to report a very marked increase of interest in all the churches and a large per cent. of increase in baptisms—50 per cent. above last year—for which we have great reason to be thankful.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the prosperity of our work can be still further promoted in the following ways:

First—By an increase of quarterly meetings held among our weak churches, as begun two years ago.

Second—By the appointment of a missionary whose duty it shall be to look after the weak churches and important towns where Baptist churches ought to be organized, and also all places that have had organizations that do not now report.

Third—And principally by following in our work for the conversion of souls, the personal and individual method rather than the collective.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. LATOURETTE,
B. BROWNING,
E. R. STOCKWELL.

The Committee on New Churches, through its Chairman, Rev. Dr. Gray, reported:

Your Committee on reception of New Churches recommend that the Association receive the following churches, viz.: The Church of the Pilgrims, San Francisco; First Baptist Church, Salinas; Emanuel Baptist Church, San Jose; and the Scandinavian Baptist Church, Oakland.

We also report the following in reference to the application for membership received from the First Baptist Church of San Jose:

WHEREAS, The Central Baptist Association is composed of churches holding a common faith and doctrine; and

WHEREAS, The Committee on the reception of Churches is in receipt of an application for admission into this body from the First Baptist Church of San Jose, whose pastor has of late published to the world, in a series of discourses, views and opinions subversive to the cardinal doctrines of the Gospel, as we hold them, against which his church has raised no objection; therefore,

Resolved. That we recommend to the Association to postpone action on this application for the present.

(Signed)

E. H. GRAY,
H. L. GEER,
S. B. MORSE,
A. C. HERRICK,
P. D. CODE.

On motion, the questions involved in this report were divided thus: 1st. The recommendation to receive into the Association the Emanuel Baptist Church of San Jose; the Church of the Pilgrims, San Francisco; the Scandinavian Baptist Church of Oakland, and the Salinas Baptist Church. This recommendation was adopted and the churches were received. 2d. The recommendation in regard to the First Church, San Jose. On this portion of the report remarks were made by Bros. Black and Gish of the First Church, San Jose, and by Bros. E. H. Gray, N. E. Beckwith, P. D. Code, W. M. Kincaid, G. Liljeroth, S. B. Morse, B. Spencer and W. T. Fleenor, and the recommendation was adopted with one dissenting vote. By request, prayer was here made by Rev. Mr. Kincaid.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Kincaid, the regular business of the Association was suspended fifteen minutes, and Rev. N. F. Ravellin, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Jose, was given an

opportunity to address the Association. On invitation, Rev. Mr. Ravelin addressed the Association.

At this point the Association suspended its business, pursuant to the order adopted last evening, to allow the ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of California, to hold a meeting.

At 4 o'clock, the Association was again called to order, and the letters from the new Churches, received to-day, were read.

The delegates from these Churches came forward and received from the Moderator, after an appropriate address, the right hand of fellowship. And one verse was sung of the hymn, "All hail, the power of Jesus' name."

Bro. Kincaid, of the Committee of Arrangements, gave notice that provision will be made in the order for to-morrow, for the ladies of the Women's Home Missionary Society to hold a meeting at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Rev. Dr. Abbott offered the following motion, which was carried:

Moved that a Committee of Five be appointed by the Moderator to take into consideration the suggestion of the report on the State of Religion, on the appointment of an Associational Missionary, to act in connection with the Executive Committee of the General Convention.

The Treasurer's report was presented and adopted, as follows:

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, in Account with P. D. CODE, Treasurer.

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Balance on hand, October 10th, 1884.....	\$ 6 55
Collection, October 7th, 1884.....	6 40
Second Church, Stockton. For Minutes.....	1 50
First " " " ".....	5 00
Santa Clara Church. " ".....	2 00
Fifth Church, San Francisco. " ".....	3 00
Penryn Church. " ".....	1 50
Wheatland Church. " ".....	1 50
Santa Cruz " ".....	2 50
Chinese Church, San Francisco. " ".....	1 00
Alameda Church. " ".....	1 50
Zion Church, San Francisco. " ".....	1 50
Calvary Church, Sacramento. " ".....	5 00

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Paid American Baptist Publication Society.....	\$ 6 40
" for printing Minutes.....	33 60 40 00
Balance due Treasurer.....	1 05

Herewith please find the report of your Treasurer for the year ending October, 1885, with accompanying vouchers.

Respectfully,

P. D. CODE,
Treasurer.

The Association then adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Gray.

EVENING SESSION.

7:30 P. M., Wednesday, October 7th.

The Association was called to order in the main audience room by the Moderator, who announced the order of the evening to be the Doctrinal Sermon by Rev. F. S. Lawrence.

The usual preliminary devotional service was conducted by Rev. Messrs. Garnett and Goodspeed, and Bro. Lawrence preached from the text: "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost." Matt. 3:11.

THEME: *Baptism in the Holy Ghost.* The discourse discussed the following four questions: 1. What is baptism in the Holy Ghost? 2. Upon whom bestowed? Upon baptized believers. 3. What is the design of this baptism? To carry on to successful and final issue a work already begun; i. e., to sanctify. Further and especially, it is to qualify for special service. 4. What are the conditions on which the gift may be secured? *Ans.* Faith and prayer.

The Committee on Arrangements reported:

Your Committee recommend that the Association convene at 9:00 A. M., to-morrow, for devotional exercises, conducted by Bro. Van Buskirk, of San Jose. Business meeting at 9:30. Adjourn at 12 M. Convene at 1:30 P. M. for business. Adjourn at 4:30. Fraternal meeting at 7:30 P. M., with five minutes' addresses by Brethren Goodspeed, Runyan, Spencer, Herrick,

Garnett, and others. Adjourn at 9:15 *sine die*. Your Committee recommend that the Association devote the morning business session to the discussion of the Foreign and Home Mission Reports, allowing the Woman's Home Missionary Society, of California, a half hour, from 11 to 11:30.

Report adopted.

On motion, the request for a letter of dismissal from the Association, contained in the letter from the First Church, Sacramento, was referred to the Committee on New Churches.

The Association then adjourned. Benediction by Rev. J. H. Garnett.

THIRD DAY.

9 A. M., Thursday, October 8th.

Devotional exercises for thirty minutes were conducted by Deacon S. B. Hunkins, of San Jose.

At 9:30 o'clock, the Association was called to order for business. Prayer by Rev. Geo. Rieman. The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

In accordance with the order adopted last evening, that the morning session be devoted to Foreign and Home Missions, the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was called for, and presented by the Chairman, Rev. Bunyan Spencer:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The duty of carrying on Foreign Mission work is clearly set forth in the New Testament: "Go ye into all the world." This commandment is still binding, and the promise of Christ's presence, "Lo, I am with you alway," is still effective. We are called Missionary Baptists, and we profess to be such, and to some extent we practice what we profess.

According to a writer in the Boston *Watchman*, Presbyterians contributed the past year to missions, \$700,000; Congregationalists, \$600,000; Baptists, \$350,000. Congregationalists employed 2,000 missionaries, Presbyterians, 1,500; Baptists, 1,300; Congregational additions were 2,500; Presbyterian, 2,000; Baptists, 16,000. Thus the number of additions to each missionary was, among the Congregationalists, $1\frac{1}{4}$; among Presbyterians, $1\frac{1}{3}$; among Bap-

tists, 12; and the average cost of each addition \$240 among Congregationalists, \$350 among Presbyterians, and \$22 among Baptists.

This is very encouraging to Baptists, and ought to make us much more liberal. It ought to be said here, perhaps, that the Baptists have worked much more, relatively, for immediate results, while the Presbyterians and Congregationalists have been more intent on making investments which shall continue to be materially helpful, particularly in building up schools.

In view of these facts we recommend—

1. The putting forth of more vigorous efforts, so that the working for immediate results in conversion may be unabated, and that schools of learning may be established, to enable us to continue to occupy the fields once cultivated.

2. The preaching of at least one foreign missionary sermon annually.

3. The taking of an annual collection in such a way as to give every member of the church, and others, a good opportunity to contribute.

4. The conducting of a monthly missionary meeting with pre-arranged programmes, involving careful investigation and preparation on the part of members of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

BUNYAN SPENCER,
T. H. STEPHENS.

Addresses were made by Bros. B. C. Wright, Latourette, Pope, Foster, Abbott, Lawrence, Kincaid, Spencer and Garrett, and the report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented by Rev. Mr. Kincaid.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions would respectfully submit the following report:

When Christ set up his kingdom on earth, he did so by establishing his church. To the church he gave it in charge to perpetuate and enlarge that kingdom, and from the church have flowed out all those streams of benevolence that have blessed the world. Hence the work of Home Missions to aid in the organization of churches, and to sustain pastors in feeble churches that they may become strong, and efficient, and self-supporting, is second in importance and promise to no other enterprise, in its claims upon our sympathies, prayers and benevolent contribution. While we should not in the least relinquish our efforts in sending the gospel to *all* nations, even as the great commission of the Master requires, yet we realize that our beloved

country and State, with their rapidly increasing population from every nation and kindred under heaven, present a field for Christian effort, that not only promises more speedy results, but which cannot be neglected without disaster to the whole church of Christ. While we have much to encourage us, from the fact that our old fields are gradually becoming self-supporting, yet we cannot but view with apprehension the large indebtedness of our State convention to the New York Board on their generous plan of co-operation, an indebtedness which is seriously crippling that aggressive work which we as a denomination ought to be doing in this State, and which so long as it exists, hinders the executive committee of our State Convention from aiding new and promising fields that are constantly pressing their claims for assistance. We cannot but feel that our churches are not sufficiently alive to the necessities of the hour. They need to be aroused from their apathy and seeming indifference. Facts are the fingers of God, and we recommend that the pastors of our churches keep them constantly before their people, that they may point to the need and vital importance of this work. We recommend also, in view of these facts, that the most strenuous efforts be put forth to have the churches of this association contribute not less than one dollar per member this coming year toward this object. We would also express our grateful appreciation of the work and generous contributions of the Woman's Home Mission circles connected with the various churches of our Convention, and would earnestly recommend the organization of circles in those churches where they do not already exist.

WM. M. KINCAID,
W. R. STRONG.

Rev. S. B. Morse, Secretary of the Mission Board of the General Baptist Convention of California, addressed the Association by invitation. The following brethren also spoke to the report, viz: Kincaid, Strong, Gray, Wright, Lawrence, Hull, Fleenor. The report was adopted.

The hour having arrived for the meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society, the Association took a recess after the Moderator had announced the following committee on the subject of appointing an Associational Missionary, as ordered by the resolution presented by Dr. Abbott and adopted by the Association yesterday, viz: Rev. W. T. Fleenor, Deacon W. R. Strong, Rev. A. W. Runyan, Deacon J. H. Stevens and Rev. Geo. S. Goodspeed.

The ladies occupied the time till noon in their Home Mission meeting, when "*lunch*" was announced.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 1.30. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Henry.

The Committee on appointing an Associational Missionary reported through its Chairman, Rev. W. T. Fleenor. The report was discussed by Bros. Fleenor, Morse and Latourette, and, after being slightly amended, was adopted as follows:

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following. We recommend:

1st. That a missionary be appointed to labor in the bounds of this Association.

2d. That an Associational committee of five be appointed to employ such missionary and superintend the work.

W. T. FLEENOR,
W. R. STRONG,
A. W. RUNYAN,
JOHN H. STEVENS,
G. S. GOODSPEED.

On motion, an opportunity was given, and Madame Dr. Martin of Stockton addressed the Association, requesting a recognition of herself by the Association as a self-sustaining Baptist Missionary to the French population in this city. On motion, this request was referred to the Associational Missionary Committee, with authority to take such action as they may deem wise.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported by their Chairman, Rev. Bunyan Spencer:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The number of pupils enrolled during the Associational year just closed is *cir.* 2,446; the number the preceding year was *cir.* 2,239. The gain is 207.

The amount of contributions for the year just ended is \$2,288.63; the amount contributed the year before was \$2,167.20. The increase is \$121.43.

The number of conversions reported last year was 16; this year, 45. This gain is very gratifying.

On the whole, there has been progress, but there is abundant room for much greater progress in the future. The committee venture to make the following recommendations:

1. That the several schools appoint judicious and enterprising committees on increase of membership.
2. The holding of teachers' meetings every week.
3. That the Superintendent and Pastor urge the schools to devote a large part of the money collected to missionary and benevolent enterprises.
4. The holding of Sunday School prayer meetings occasionally, as well as prayer meetings for the Sunday Schools.
5. The appointment of a judicious Library Committee, who shall be authorized to add new books to the Library as often as highly valuable books shall, from time to time, be published, insisting that some member of the committee shall first acquaint himself with the sentiment of every page of the book to be introduced.
6. That the Superintendent be very careful to select such teachers as will win their unconverted pupils to Christ and teach the way of salvation in purity and simplicity.
7. That the pastors take great pains to adapt their sermons to the children, and that superintendents and teachers use all reasonable means to induce the members of the Sunday Schools to attend the other services of the church.

Respectfully submitted.

BUNYAN SPENCER,
J. P. COGSWELL,
GEO. B. RIEMAN.

The report was discussed by Bros. Hull, Stockwell, Cogswell, Morse, Robinson, Van Doren, Sawtelle and Garnett, and adopted.

Rev. D. T. Van Doren, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on the American Baptist Publication Society.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

This grand national organization, which devotes its entire benevolent income to the missionary work of the Society, deserves the patronage of every Baptist in the land, not only in its benevolent department but in its business department as well, profits on its business going to its benevolence. It has been wisely managed more than half a century, and above reproach in an age of defalcation and corruption, and is to-day a worthy representative of over two millions of baptized believers in this country. The contributions of the churches and Sunday schools of the State of California to it have been larger the past year than ever before. We earnestly recommend every member of our churches to adopt a systematic plan of giving for the various benevolent objects of the Society, and thus greatly increase our annual collec-

tions. In its missionary work it should have freely our money and our prayers. We commend to our churches the enlightening books, periodicals, Sunday School papers, and all the publications of *our own* publication society, as the best and only way of being thoroughly instructed in our denominational tenets. Buy its books for home and Sunday School libraries. Every Sunday School officer and teacher should have its lesson helps; every scholar and child its lesson papers. Its representative, Dr. G. S. Abbott, extends to every Baptist in the State a cordial invitation to visit his office—569 Eleventh street, Oakland—and examine and purchase the Society's publications and papers. We urge upon every church and individual member the duty and policy of sustaining and augmenting the business of the Society. Increased business means larger local and general benevolence. The Church, as a *whole*, has not yet been aroused to the duty and grandeur of this sublime enterprise, and as a consequence the results are meagre, compared with the possibilities within the reach of faith and liberal giving. Nothing short of an appreciative comprehension of the great end for which the Society was organized will nerve an individual or a community or a denomination to appropriate efforts. In order to do this, we advise every Baptist to procure and read the pamphlet issued by the Society in 1879, entitled "The Work of the American Baptist Publication Society Defined." We would call the attention of the churches to the coming "Bible Day," November next, trusting that every church in the Central Association and in the State will respond by a contribution commensurate with the crying need of thousands and the importance and greatness of the work. We respectfully recommend that the Association grant the Society's representative, Dr. G. S. Abbott, fifteen minutes' time in which to present the claims of the Society. God bless this instrument of grace to millions! We pledge it our prayers, our sympathy and our support.

Respectfully submitted.

DEW. T. VAN DOREN,
G. S. GOODSPEED,
JNO. F. POPE.

Dr. G. S. Abbott, representative of the Publication Society on the Coast, addressed the Association, and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Chinese Missions reported:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHINESE WORK ON THIS COAST.

Your Committee beg to report that they recognize the importance of the work you have referred to them, and the great need of a more hearty co-operation in it, by all our Churches, for its development, and would therefore suggest a more active participation by them in this great work of evangelization lying at our doors; to accomplish this, we intimate, *First*—The great need and desirability of personal and Church work for the Chinese in our immediate neighborhood. *Second*—The necessity of encouragement, in the way of

contributions by all our Churches. *Third*—The need of Mission headquarters in San Francisco for the fuller development and carrying out this great work in all its details.

Respectfully submitted,

H. GARTHWAITE,
ORRIN CRITTENDEN,
DAVID SAWTELLE.

The Association was addressed on this subject by Bros. La-tourette, Henry and Hartwell, and the report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Education was presented by Rev. Dr. Abbott:

Your Committee on Education in California beg leave to offer the following as their report:

Baptists in California have no denominational schools--academic, collegiate or theological. It is a record of which they have little occasion to be proud. They are not as those, however, who are without hope. They have reason to expect that this record to date will soon be displaced by a better. The thought of the people, too long indifferent, is coming to be more and more interested. In the Los Angeles Association, the Tulare Regular Baptist, the Sacramento River Baptist Association, resolutions have, within a few days past, been adopted committing their bodies to the consideration of the question of Baptist education, intelligently and benevolently, the coming year. Our pastors are beginning to preach about it as they have not done for a long time. Our laymen are coming to be interested in it in all parts of the State. With the generous gift of Mrs. Dr. E. H. Gray of \$10,000 the trustees of California College have purchased a fine piece of property of twelve acres in Highland Park, East Oakland, on which educational foundations are hoped to be laid for high education for both sexes. We have reorganized in our State what is known as the Baptist Education Society, a life membership in which is secured by the payment of twenty-five dollars, an annual membership by the payment of one dollar, and have already secured not a few of each of these. We do not expect to raise all the money by any means needed this year from these memberships, but we do expect by these smaller amounts to lay the foundation of a constituency wide-reaching on which the interests of Baptist education in California may permanently rest.

Your Committee recommend that pastors in the Central Baptist Association, and for that matter all over the State, preach at least once a year on Baptist education, and take up in their congregations and communities as often collections for this object, to the end that the gifts as well as the prayers of our people may continually come up before God.

G. S. ABBOTT,
B. C. WRIGHT,
F. C. BROUGHER.

Bros. Wright, Morse, Johnson, Abbott, Fleenor, Goodspeed, Clason and Lawrence discussed the report, and it was adopted.

Bro. B. C. Wright offered a resolution, for which, on motion of Rev. W. T. Fleenor, the following was substituted and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee of California Baptist College be requested to designate a day in the near future to be observed by the churches throughout the State as one on which special appeal shall be made for funds to carry forward our educational work, the week preceding said day to be one of special prayer for this cause.

On motion of Rev. S. B. Morse, the Finance Committee of California College were requested to appoint one member of each church to solicit and secure as far as possible \$2 per member for the building fund of California College.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, on motion of Dr. Abbott the session was continued till 5 o'clock.

The Committee on Publications reported by the Chairman, Rev. J. W. Henry.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee would report as follows:

We are exhorted to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth, and we rejoice in that faith which makes us wise as well as good. The Christian home should be an example of intelligence, appropriating every form of learning which edifies and purifies the soul. We would therefore most earnestly recommend and urge the members of our churches to avail themselves of that form of literature which will increase their knowledge, strengthen their faith and enlarge their hearts. To this end we would urge our brethren to bring into every Baptist household some of our excellent denominational missionary periodicals, by means of which we learn something of the regions beyond, and the dignity and magnitude of the work which we as Baptists have undertaken. But above all, we would urge all members of this Association, and all friends of the Baptist cause, to give their prayers and patronage, their hearty support, by means of communications and coin, to our own paper, *The Herald of Truth*. Clear and true in its utterances, and giving its notes of warning with no uncertain sound, it is our own fault as members of the churches, if it does not bring us the special news of our

own work, which we most desire to hear. Therefore we urge upon the pastors and delegates the duty and privilege of making it their own paper, for the prosperity of which, each should feel himself personally responsible.

J. W. HENRY, Chairman.

The Association was addressed by Brethren Henry and Abbott, and the report adopted.

The Committee on Obituaries presented its report, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Obituaries reports as follows, so far as information has been given:

Our Lord, whose great family of saints consist of those in heaven and on earth, has during the year past called by death a few loved ones to join the great company above. While we mourn our loss, we rejoice in their great gain.

The Fifth Church of San Francisco, especially, mourns the loss of five beloved and useful members—Deacon H. Foster, Sisters Emeline Carpenter, Sarah Hayes, Mary Buel and Rachel Burbridge. Each one died in the triumphs of faith.

The first Church of San Francisco mourns the loss of Sister Catherine P. Heath, wife of N. Heath, who was converted in 1842, and united with the First Baptist Church in Charlestown, Mass., came to California in 1858, united with the First Baptist Church of San Francisco, was active in all Christian work, and endeared herself to all hearts. She was called away from earth, May 22^d, 1885, in triumph of Christian faith.

Sister Mary Glenn, long a worthy member of the First Church of Stockton, was called away suddenly to her reward, while on her way to visit a sick brother. She was devoted to her Lord and his service in the church. The church mourn their loss.

Three members of the Brooklyn Church have left the church militant to join the church triumphant, viz: Sister Eliza Newman, who died at the ripe age of 84; Sister C. Townsend and Brother Charles Pratt.

From the Church of the Pilgrims two sisters have passed to their everlasting inheritance. Mrs. Hatch, wife of Rev. E. B. Hatch, was a truly noble woman, a devoted wife and mother—one of God's own chosen ones. Ever foremost in every good work, she endeared herself to all hearts. Our loss is her great gain.

Mrs. J. Phillips, also of this church, was the daughter of Rev. G. E. Davis, a Baptist pioneer on this Coast. She was a child of the kingdom from her youth, and by her kindness and love made life-long friends of all who knew her.

We all mourn the loss and sympathize with the church in Alameda, in the death of Deacon B. W. Owens, whose life and substance were consecrated to the service of his Master. He died happy in the Lord; his work doth follow him

F. S. LAWRENCE,
J. C. ROBINSON.

The Committee on Place and Preachers for next meeting reported:

Your committee respectfully suggest:

1. That our next Associational meeting be held with the San Pablo Avenue Church, Oakland.
2. That the Rev. Bunyan Spencer be appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, with Rev. De W. T. Van Doren as alternate.
3. That Rev. W. H. Latourette be appointed to preach the Doctrinal Sermon, with Rev. A. W. Runyan as alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. STOCKWELL,
G. S. GOODSPEED,
C. W. DEARBORN.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Sabbath and Temperance reported, and the report was adopted.

THE SABBATH AND TEMPERANCE.

The Lord's Day is given us for moral culture and spiritual development. Its proper observance is a wholesome check upon our secular life. There are two prolific sources of Sabbath desecration; one claiming to be religious, the other secular. The former is the declaration of certain Judaizing teachers, who say we must keep the law of Moses, and observe the old Jewish Sabbath, which is subversive of apostolic and Christian instruction. Another cause of Sabbath breaking is the intent and all-absorbing spirit of worldly enterprise. Our railroads, telegraph and street car lines know no Lord's day. Business and Chinese wash-houses are kept open seven days in the week. Many Christians are being robbed of their reverence for the Lord's day, by pandering to and patronizing this unholy monopoly of time.

Temperance is one of the Christian graces, and should be honored in the home, social and business life of every follower of Christ.

Therefore, *Resolved*, 1st That we pledge ourselves to a more faithful observance of the Lord's day. 2d. That we believe the Church of Christ to be the best temperance organization on earth, and that we will put forth our best endeavor through this medium, for the advancement of temperance.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. FLEENOR,
J. H. STEVENS,
R. H. WITHINGTON.

The Committee on New Churches made an additional report which was adopted.

The First Baptist Church of Sacramento asks for dismissal from this body to the Pacific Association. Your committee would say, that while we regret to lose the fraternal co-operation of the First Baptist Church of Sacramento, and of its earnest working pastor, still, believing that they may be eminently useful in this new field of associational labor, we heartily commend them to the confidence and fellowship of the Pacific Association, trusting that they will be both an accession and a great blessing to that body.

(Signed)

E. H. GRAY,
H. L. GEAR,
S. B. MORSE,
P. D. CODE,
A. C. HERRICK.

The Moderator announced the following brethren to constitute the Executive Missionary Committee:

W. M. Kincaid, E. R. Stockwell, Bunyan Spencer, G. B. Rie-
man, A. W. Runyon.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to publish in the minutes a historical table of the Association. (See page 4.)

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the members and friends of the First Baptist Church of San Francisco, especially to the ladies, for the handsome entertainment given the Association and its visitors during the session.

On motion, it was ordered that the collection made on Tuesday evening, shall go to the California College. The Association then adjourned. Prayer by Rev. E. B. Hatch.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 7.30.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. Geo. E. Read, the minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.

The roll was called and the names of those who have not been in attendance were erased.

On motion of Dr. Abbott, Bro. Wm. B. Thompson was requested to prepare a synopsis of the doings of the Association for publication in the *Herald of Truth*.

After singing, the fraternal meeting was opened with an address by Rev. Geo. S. Goodspeed, followed by addresses by Rev. J. H. Stephens of Wheatland, Rev. A. M. Johnson of Willows, Rev. Bunyan Spencer of Zion Church, San Francisco, Rev. J. E. Cohenour of Oakland, Rev. J. Herndon Garnett of Dixon, and Rev. Dr. Pendleton of the Church of the Pilgrims, San Francisco.

Prayer was then offered by Bros. Hartwell and Rieman, and brief addresses were made by Bros. Gray, Morse and Rieman.

After the singing of "Beulah Land," the Moderator made a touching closing address, the Association united in singing "Blest be the tie that binds," and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Gray.

G. A. HULL, Moderator.

J. B. HARTWELL, Clerk.

N. E. BECKWITH, Assistant Clerk.

The next annual session of the Central Association will be held with the San Pablo Avenue Baptist Church, Oakland, commencing Tuesday evening after the first Sunday in October, 1886.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Alameda—Late pastor, Rev. B. F. Rattray, retired in July, and Mr. Geo. Rieman (not yet ordained) accepted call for six months. His labors blessed, congregations growing, Sunday School prosperous.

Brooklyn—Brotherly love and spiritual growth maintained in answer to prayer. Prayer meetings faithfully attended and their spirit good. Congregations so increased as to necessitate a larger house; 13 added by baptism.

Ceres—Rev. D. H. Drake pastor since February. Preaching and Sunday School every Sabbath. Ladies' sewing society have paid \$2,100 on church debt, leaving only \$700 yet due.

Los Gatos—The first year of church life. Rev. I. D. Wood supplied pulpit till February, when Rev. W. H. Latourette became pastor. Church, Sunday School and congregation growing rapidly. Weekly prayer meeting deeply spiritual. Missionary concert with two or three essays every month. Have a Ladies' Missionary Society. Made large contribution to Home Missions. Have collected \$500 for purchase of church lot and \$50 for organ. Sunday School library formed of books donated by pastor and members. Church cheerfully hopeful.

Modesto—No marked development. Pastor Gage resigned in December. Rev. D. H. Drake accepted charge in February. Church in perfect peace. Congregations large, weekly prayer-meetings well attended and spiritual. In debt, but not cast down.

Oakland, First—Rejoicing over entire extinction of church debt. Church growing in knowledge. White and Chinese Sunday schools steadily growing in numbers and interest. Extend to the Association an invitation to hold next session with us.

San Pablo Avenue, Oakland (late Trinity Church)—A year of prosperity under pastorate of Rev. W. T. Fleenor. Have built and occupied a new and commodious house of worship on San Pablo avenue and Nineteenth streets. Revival meetings in August. Many souls converted. Hope to be self-supporting after January 1st, 1886. Congregations large, prayer-meetings well attended, Sunday School over one hundred. All the societies connected with the church prospering. Invite the Association to hold next session with us.

Scandinavian First, Oakland—Recently organized and recognized. Ask admission to membership in the Association.

Penryn—House of worship finished and dedicated. Pastor Cohenour resigned in December. Bro. L. M. Protzman of Cleveland, Ohio, graduate of Rochester Theological Seminary, called in April, ordained to the ministry August 19th. Pastor and church most happily united. The community hostile to Baptist principles, yet our work advancing. Preaching every alternate Sunday.

Sacramento, First—A year of joy and of sorrow. Many souls converted, but many members found unworthy and excluded, besides several lost by death. Four-fifths of the population of our city never attend church, and in the capitol we suffer from the effects of political corruption. Ask for letter of dismission to join the Pacific Association.

Sacramento, Calvary—Pastor of last year compelled by bad health to return East. Called Rev. A. C. Herrick of Maine. Under his labors have had steady increase in interest, in size of congregation, and in marked revival interest. Many have been added by baptism. We ask your prayers that the present pleasant relations between pastor and people may continue unbroken. Two mission Sunday Schools, besides main Sunday School, maintained by the church.

Salinas—Ask admission to the Association. Without a pastor till June. Rev. E. B. Hatch now serving us. Audiences never better. Sunday School increasing in numbers and interest.

San Francisco, First—A quiet and uneventful year. Largely increased attendance upon Sunday morning services. Church debt slowly but surely decreasing. Mourn the loss by death of three of our oldest members. The Sunday School has made marked progress. Bethesda Mission in a most prosperous condition. Besides \$4,500 for church expenses, have raised sundry amounts for home and foreign missions and for Chinese missions on the Coast.

San Francisco, Fifth—Rejoice in some tokens of Divine favor, but grieve that pastor's health is seriously threatened. Prayer-meeting attendance good. Sunday School prosperous. Home and Foreign Mission and Woman's Aid Societies carried on with zeal and devotion. Financial condition encouraging. Lost by death, five.

San Francisco Chinese—A year of trial. Pastor absent many weeks in East, and Mrs. S. half the year. Still hoping for new Mission headquarters.

San Francisco, Church of the Pilgrims—Organized January 1884, with 41 members, and Dr. Wm. H. Pendleton, Pastor. Present place of worship is a hall on Market street, near New

City Hall. Membership largely increased during the year. Church united and hopeful. Sunday school growing. Expecting a rich blessing from the Lord.

San Francisco, Zion—Grateful for numerous blessings and much prosperity. Worshiping in hired hall. Congregations satisfactory. Prayer meetings large and interesting. Sunday school well attended. Our late beloved pastor, Dr. Sawtelle, was compelled by his physical condition to go East. His successor, Rev. Bunyan Spencer, has equally won our hearts.

San Jose, Emmanuel—Keenly enjoy new church life. Ask admission to the Association. Organized February 24th, 1885, with 59 members. Now number 91. Worship now in small hall, but are planning to build. Rev. Joseph Foster supplied the pulpit until June 1st. Enjoy now the pastoral labor of Rev. A. W. Runyan, whose labors have already been blessed. Sunday School prospering.

Santa Clara—Little change in church life. Pastor, all we could ask. Sunday services, Sunday School, and prayer meetings regularly maintained. Thriving Mission Circle, under leadership of pastor's wife. Some internal improvements in house of worship.

Santa Cruz—Struggling hard to maintain life. Membership much scattered. No pastor. Sunday services maintained by prayer and exhortation-meeting, followed by Sunday School. Week night prayer meetings of unusual interest.

Sonora—Rev. Geo. S. Goodspeed present pastor. Spiritual life quickened. Meetings well attended. Sunday School large. A flourishing Woman's Home Mission Circle.

Stockton, First—A year of abundant blessing, and largely increased spirituality. Pastor's labors effectual in salvation of souls. Frequent times of refreshing in weekly prayer meeting. Encouraged in Sunday School and Mission work. Colored Sunday School reorganized under Bro. A. M. Comfort. Mission Sunday School organized, and prospered beyond expectation under Bro. P. P. Ward.

Stockton, Second—Feel that we have been greatly blessed. No pastor at present. Prayer meetings and Sunday School kept up. Pray for us.

Wheatland—Statistics and names of delegates.

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE ASSOCIATION.

Brooklyn Church—

Rev. O. C. Wheeler, LL. D.,
 Rev. Abner Webb,
 Rev. Stephen Hilton.

Los Gatos Church—

Rev. I. D. Wood,
 Rev. W. H. Latourette.

Modesto Church—

Rev. D. H. Drake,
 Rev. M. D. Gage,
 Rev. S. E. Reid.

Oakland, First Church—

Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D.,
 Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D.,
 Rev. J. R. Bowler,
 Rev. O. W. Briggs, D. D.

Oakland, San Pablo Av. Church—

Rev. W. T. Fleenor,
 Rev. J. E. Cohenour,
 Rev. W. A. Jarrel.

Oakland, Scandinavian Church—

Rev. G. Liljeröth.

Penryn Church—

Rev. L. M. Protzman.

Salinas Church—

Rev. E. B. Hatch.

San Francisco, Zion Church—

Rev. W. D. Ewer,
 Rev. S. A. Ringo.

San Francisco, Chinese Church—

Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D.

San Francisco, First Church—

Rev. Wm. M. Kincaid,
 Rev. H. L. Gear,
 Rev. R. C. White, D. D.,
 Rev. B. F. Rattray.

San Francisco, Fifth Church—

Rev. D. T. Van Doren,
 Rev. H. H. Parks,
 Rev. C. W. Forbes, M. D.

San Francisco, Pilgrim's Church—

Rev. W. H. Pendleton, D. D.,
 Rev. C. A. Bateman.

Sacramento, Calvary Church—

Rev. A. C. Herrick.

San Jose, Emanuel Church—

Rev. A. W. Runyan,
 Rev. Joseph Foster.

Santa Clara Church—

Rev. J. W. Henry,
 Rev. Orrin Crittenden.

Stockton, First Church—

Rev. F. S. Lawrence,
 Rev. D. M. Chapell.

Sonora Church—

Rev. Geo. S. Goodspeed.

Wheatland Church—

Rev. T. H. Stephens.

LICENTIATES.

Geo. B. Rieman, Brooklyn Church.

Geo. O. Hayford, Sacramento Calvary Church.

E. R. Pope and J. W. W. Bailey, San Francisco First Church.

W. J. Burrill, Santa Clara Church.

Rufus Keeler, Sonora Church.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.....	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	GAIN BY				LOSS BY				Present Membership..		
				Baptism	Letter	Restoration. Experience.	Total	Letter	Erase.....	Exclusion ..	Death.....		Total	
Alameda.....	1876	Geo. B. Reiman.	John Weimar...	...	3	...	3	2	...	...	...	2	32	
Brooklyn	1860	Saml. B. Morse.	J. Plaw.....	13	15	...	28	2	...	...	3	5	197	
Ceres	1879	D. H. Drake....	C. N. Whitmore	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	21	
Los Gatos	1884	W. H. Latourette	S. R. Reed.....	2	13	1	16	...	...	...	...	...	41	
Modesto	1872	D. H. Drake....	S. E. Reid	...	4	7	11	2	3	3	...	8	43	
Oakland, First....	1854	E. H. Gray	H. Garthwaite..	6	15	1	22	17	37	...	3	57	282	
Oakland, S. Pab. Av	1879	W. T. Fleenor...	R. Hewitt	22	13	5	40	4	...	1	...	5	91	
Oakland, Scandin'n	1885	G. Liljeroth....	J. Lund	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	
Penryn	1879	L. M. Protzman.	O. B. Whaley...	...	7	...	7	4	...	...	...	4	25	
Sacramento, First..	1850	A. J. Frost	Dudley Reed....	17	2	2	23	3	...	28	5	36	205	
Sacramento, Calv'ry	1871	A. C. Herrick...	L. F. Fredrick..	4	10	1	15	11	...	...	...	11	269	
Salinas... ..	188	E. B. Hatch....	E. K. Abbott....	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	19	
San Fran'co, First..	1849	W. M. Kincaid.	W. B. Thompson	9	26	2	37	6	...	...	3	9	435	
San Fran'co, Fifth..	1869	D. T. Van Doren	S. C. Brown	8	7	...	15	4	...	...	5	9	116	
San Fran., Pilgrims	1884	W. H. Pendleton	L. P. Crane.....	9	47	5	61	2	...	...	3	5	97	
San Fran'co, Zion..	1881	B. Spencer.....	J. F. Fassett....	8	9	...	17	8	1	...	...	9	93	
San Fran., Chinese.	1880	J. B. Hartwell..	Wong Yu Hau..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	
San Jose, Emm'n'el	1885	A. W. Runyan..	H. T. Hite.....	8	18	5	31	...	...	...	...	...	91	
Santa Clara.....	1851	J. W. Henry....	W. J. Burrel....	...	3	...	3	1	7	...	1	9	67	
Santa Cruz	1867	.....	N. A. Bixby	...	4	...	4	2	...	...	...	2	54	
Sonora.....	1857	G. S. Goodspeed	Jno. Romans...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	
Stockton, First....	1853	F. S. Lawrence..	J. Churchill	11	7	6	1	25	11	...	2	13	237	
Stockton, Second..	1871	.....	J. E. Hutton	1	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	15	
Wheatland	1876	T. H. Stephens.	B. F. Dam.....	7	2	...	9	4	...	2	...	6	49	
Totals				125	206	37	3	371	85	49	34	25	193	2575

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Sundays of Preaching	Church Expenses,	Aid Received from Missionary Society	CONTRIBUTIONS.						Total Contributions.	
			Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Baptist Publication Society.	California Chinese Mission.	Minutes	Other Objects.		Total of Benevolence
Every	\$482 00	.....	\$6 00	\$6 00	.....	.....	\$1 00	.....	\$12 00	\$495 00
Every	1,700 00	.....	84 00	160 00	\$20 00	\$8 00	3 00	\$300 00	575 00	2,275 00
Every	400 00	.....	.....	9 00	.....	5 00	1 50	.....	15 50	415 50
Every	511 00	\$200	70 80	4 00	6 20	.....	2 00	590 90	83 00	1,184 90
Every	450 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	451 00
Every	3,075 00	.....	14 30	43 85	30 55	*253 60	5 00	132 00	479 30	3,554 30
Every	1,000 00	280	25 00	12 00	.....	.....	2 00	3,009 44	39 00	4,048 44
Every	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Two .	.....	.....	10 00	.....	9 00	.....	2 00	.....	21 00	21 00
Every	2,300 00	.....	61 00	92 00	38 00	.....	5 00	.....	196 00	2,496 00
Every	2,250 00	.....	62 15	30 00	†25 00	.....	.....	100 00	217 15	2,467 15
Every	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	76 00
Every	5,000 00	.....	45 25	78 00	.....	199 65	.....	.....	322 90	5,322 90
Every	1,800 00	.....	.....	40 00	20 00	35 00	3 00	24 00	122 00	1,922 00
Every	2,400 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	20 00	22 00	2,422 00
Every	1,658 00	.....	11 75	8 00	.....	.....	1 50	18 00	39 25	1,697 25
Every	.....	.....	15 00	30 00	.....	.....	1 00	40 60	86 60	86 60
Every	696 00	.....	10 00	9 50	.....	.....	2 50	.....	22 00	718 00
Every	800 00	.....	10 00	8 00	20 00	.....	1 50	170 00	209 50	1,009 50
.....	450 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	451 00
Every	1,200 00	.....	24 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	26 00	1,226 00
Every	1,600 00	.....	125 15	72 00	59 00	.....	3 00	.....	259 15	1,859 15
.....	95 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	1 50	96 50
Every	1,000 00	.....	25 00	.....	10 80	.....	1 50	.....	37 30	1,037 30
.....	\$28,942 00	\$480	\$599 40	\$602 35	\$23 55	\$501 25	\$44 00	\$4,404 94	\$2,788 15	\$35,332 49

* By Chinese. † By Children.

SUNDAY AND MISSION SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS....	Officers.....	Teachers	Pupils.....	Average Attendance ...	Pupils who Attend Church....	Pupils Baptized During the Year.....	Volumes in Library	Papers Distributed.....	CONTRIBUTIONS TO					Total Contributions. ...
										Own Expenses...	Home Missions...	Foreign Missions..	California Chinese Missions.....	Other Benevolence	
Alameda	A. B. Byron	3	6	75	80	15	...	400	960	\$100 00	...	\$2 00	...	...	\$102 00
Brooklyn	J. Plaw	6	20	178	172	58	...	420	3600	110 00	...	48 00	...	...	158 00
Ceres	C. N. Whitmore..	5	8	60	40	...	...	75	35	15 00	...	...	...	...	15 00
Los Gatos.....	I. D. Wood	5	15	50	40	35	2	100	200	20 00	...	...	...	...	20 00
Modesto.....	W. O. Hardin....	3	7	50	40	12	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oakland, First..	A. F. Craven	5	17	150	125	9	...	200	...	102 70	...	14 50	...	\$200 00	317 30
Oakland, First..	H. Garthwaite..	1	4	21	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oakland Chinese Mission...	Mrs. J. Bradway..	1	3	67	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oakland, San Pablo Ave.	A. T. Sutherland	6	14	150	90	35	16	133	212	253 60	\$3 00	...	...	...	253 60
Oakland Scandinavian.	N. P. Johnson	1	3	15	...	...	...	...	...	115 00	...	...	...	...	118 00
Pearyn.....	E. Browning	3	5	...	44	...	...	150	80	45 00	...	...	...	...	45 00
Sacramento, First	W. S. Bassett..	8	15	175	170	...	...	3	450	600	125 00	...	...	...	161 53
Sacramento Calvary	Theo. J. Kerlin..	6	14	250	195	50	1	216	4800	108 87	11 70	36 53	...	...	120 57
Sacramento Washington Miss'n	J. Newell	5	6	47	30	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sacramento Patterson Mission	Nicholas Harvey	3	5	50	45	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Salinas.....	E. K. Abbott	1	4	30	30	...	...	25	1040	30 00	...	...	...	...	...
San Francisco, First	G. A. Hulbott..	7	34	308	176	...	6	...	...	162 89	...	50 00	...	...	30 00
S. F. First Church Mission...	A. B. Forbes	4	15	86	74	...	3	...	1500	39 00	...	...	\$20 00	350 61	593 50
San Francisco, Fifth	P. D. Code	4	14	160	84	25	...	338	1942	60 00	...	...	...	...	39 00
San Francisco, Pilgrims	C. W. Swan	2	8	60	50	40	...	...	100	160 00	...	...	...	...	60 00
San Francisco, Chinese	J. B. Hartwell ..	1	4	...	25	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	160 00
San Francisco Chinese Mission	J. B. Hartwell ..	1	3	120	80	50	...	...	...	175 00	39 00	...	...	...	...
San Francisco, Zion	David Sawtelle..	1	14	130	80	40	6	300	150	...	...	...	...	...	214 00
San Jose Emmanuel	F. E. Caton	1	10	135	85	43	6	1950	43 45	...	...	...	10 00	...	53 45
Santa Clara.....	J. G. Glendenning	9	8	75	60	...	...	200	...	71 70	...	...	...	...	71 70
Santa Cruz.....	Annie Eastlake ..	2	5	40	30	...	...	200	3500	50 00	...	...	...	...	50 00
Stockton, First	F. S. Lawrence ..	4	11	120	70	55	...	100	...	48 00	...	...	...	28 00	76 00
Stockton, First Mission	P. P. Ward	6	4	55	45	25	...	...	47	56 00	...	...	...	...	56 00
Stockton, First Colored Miss'n	A. M. Comfort....	4	5	58	30	6	...	...	...	9 40	...	...	...	...	9 40
Wheatland	...	4	7	48	40	35	...	25	92	60 00	...	...	...	...	60 00
30 Schools.....	...	120	286	2753	1918	591	48	3392	20,811	\$1953 61	\$53 70	\$151 03	\$20 00	\$598 61	\$2796 95